Parent Support Organization Requirements

Develop and maintain active family engagement and leadership efforts for families of children identified through newborn hearing screening who are deaf or hard of hearing. Recipients will be responsible for programmatic and fiscal support of family leadership and family engagement and for partnering with a minimum of one family support organization that supports families with deaf or hard of hearing infants/children. Recipients will be required to involve family partners in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the EHDI programs. Families should be consistently provided with the opportunity to collaborate with various leaders and policy makers in addressing the challenges to and providing solutions for the EHDI system. Additionally, programs will be required to partner with family based agencies and organizations. Recipients will also be required to partner with HRSA’s Family Leadership in Language and Learning Center after it begins operations on April 1, 2017.

A minimum of 25 percent of funding toward the support of family organizations, including deaf mentorship activities, which must be documented by a memorandum of understanding.